

Lassiter ECHS



Dr. Wright L. Lassiter, Jr. Early College High School at Dallas College El Centro

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At Lassiter Early College High School, college is our middle name. We are fully committed to providing our young scholars with an exceptional education that prepares them to realize their dreams and experience the many rich opportunities life has to offer. We attribute our success to our focus on two key elements: campus culture and quality instruction. Faculty and staff work together (or combine efforts) to create a nurturing environment where students feel valued, affirmed, and safe. Our vision is for all students to graduate with a high school diploma, an associate degree, and the knowledge and skills to confidently pursue their dreams.

Students can choose college level courses that ultimately lead to one of the following two associate degrees:

- Associate of Art
- Associate of Science

Enrollment Criteria

Lassiter Early College High School at Dallas College El Centro is designed to serve incoming ninth-grade students who are:

- Determined to attend college.
- First-generation college students.
- Historically underrepresented in higher education.

The early college high school will accept up to 70 ninth-grade students per year, and students will move together as a cohort as they progress through high school.

Lassiter ECHS is a school within the Dallas College El Centro campus. Students attend all four years of their high school career at the Lassiter campus at Dallas College El Centro.

To apply, go to dallasisd.org/choosedallasisd.

College Is Our Middle Name

Mission: Challenging our diverse population of first-generation college students to achieve academic excellence, Lassiter Early College uniquely blends high school and the first two years of college and provides our students with the social and emotional supports to become productive citizens.

Vision: All students will graduate with a high school diploma and an associate's degree.

Lassiter Early College High School is fully committed to providing an exceptional education to our young scholars so they may fulfill their dreams and be prepared to experience the many opportunities that life has to offer. We attribute our success to our focus on two key elements: campus culture and quality instruction. Faculty and staff combine efforts to create a nurturing environment where each student feels valued, wanted, and safe. Our small size allows faculty to support students' college coursework through tutoring, skill enrichment, and the kinds of relationships that motivate them to do great work. Those relationships create a family atmosphere, enhanced by close friendships and select activities that supplement students' academic lives.

Lassiter ECHS is proud to be the flagship of Dallas ISD's dual-credit programs. For over 25 years, students traditionally underserved by higher education have had the benefit of earning their high school diplomas at Dallas College El Centro while enjoying success in college classes.

Our vision is for all students to graduate with a high school diploma and an associate degree. College degrees are earned at Lassiter Early College!



Collegiate Academy Benefits



Number of potential college credits students can earn from Lassiter ECHS



Potential savings on two years of community college tuition and books



Instruction in a small, personalized learning environment



Opportunity to participate in a high-quality work experience via a professional internship

The Lassiter Experience

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At Lassiter ECHS, students spend all four years of high school on the campus of Dallas College El Centro in downtown Dallas. Our students are well prepared for life at a four-year university after they graduate from Lassiter Early College.

EARLY COLLEGE

Early College opens doors to a wide range of opportunities. Students not only get an early start on college, they also get an early start on their careers. Students in the Lassiter Early College program can save as much as \$10,000 in tuition, textbooks, and college fees.

ACADEMICS

Lassiter ECHS is a partnership between Dallas School District and Dallas College El Centro. It is designed to meet the needs of students who possess the academic potential and determination to successfully begin college as early as their 9th grade year. By grade 10, qualified students take more and more of their classes for college credit. Students must maintain a 2.0 college GPA to continue to enroll in El Centro classes; self-manage their high school and college studies; and demonstrate a positive effort toward earning their associate's degrees.

On Lassiter's accelerated calendar, students earn a semester's high school credit every nine weeks. The pace and rigor of the program require students to master academic behaviors and acquire college skills long before many of their peers. Although students come to Lassiter Early College High School from a variety of schools and academic backgrounds, one trait unites them: the motivation to jump-start their college education through hard work.



Dr. Wright L. Lassiter, Jr. Early College High School at Dallas College El Centro is a 2020 recipient of the National Blue Ribbon Schools award.

INSTRUCTIONAL HIGHLIGHTS

- Advanced Placement
 - AP Human Geography
 - AP U.S. History
- College Advisers
- College classes in the morning
- College placement test preparation
- College support from the El Centro Learning Center
- Dual Credit Courses
- Pre-Advanced Placement
 - All core subjects are offered as Pre-AP
- Small class sizes
- Tutoring in high school and college courses



Parents

Parent involvement is critical to the educational success of students. Here at Lassiter ECHS, we offer several opportunities for parents to get involved in the educational and social growth of their students. We also provide events for parents to expand their own knowledge and gain tools to help them maintain a healthy family environment.

Opportunities include:

- Parent/Student/Teacher Conferences
- Parent Teacher Organization
- Site-Based Decision Making Committee
- Volunteer Opportunities

Partnerships

Lassiter ECHS believes community partners provide a broad educational and social experience for our students. Students are encouraged to perform community service and volunteer at the following organizations. If you would like to make an impact by becoming a community partner, please reach out and let us know how you'd like to help.

Partnerships include:

- Dallas Arboretum
- Dallas Entrepreneur Center
- Dallas Museum of Art
- Dallas Park and Recreation
- El Centro College
- Sixth Floor Museum
- Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals

Programs

One of Dallas ISD's six student achievement goals states that all students will participate in at least one extracurricular activity each year. With a plentiful variety of before and after school offerings, Lassiter ECHS strives to meet the diverse interests of all our students and make learning fun.

Offerings include:

- Academic Decathlon
- Art Club
- Athletics (through home campus)
- Black Eagles
- Chess Club
- Glee Club
- Lassiter Dance Crew
- Lassiter Early College Student Ambassadors
- Math Olympiad
- Mu Alpha Theta Honor Society
- National Honor Society
- Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society
- Photography
- Student Advisory Board
- Science Club
- UIL Academic Teams
- Yearbook



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